

# NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

## Men of "Black Cabinet" Seldom Employ Disguises

WASHINGTON.—Head work and leg work are more important than green goggles and false whiskers for the modern sleuth, according to William J. Flynn, chief of the United States secret service, better known as Uncle Sam's "black cabinet." As a rule disguises are not used by those in the service. If the matter in hand, for instance, requires the collection of information from workmen, a man is chosen who looks the part without a disguise. He simply wears such clothes as workmen wear and affects the manners and speech of the men with whom he mingles.

On the other hand, if the work requires contact with people in a better-dressed walk of life, an operative of that class is chosen. A negro is used to approach a negro, an Italian to "rope" a criminal of that nationality, a German for a German, an engraver to work on an engraver, and so on.

Secret service men are at work all the time. When there is no particular case on hand they are getting a line on the habits, haunts and byways of certain people who seem to be living without apparent effort. The shadowed party does not suspect it, and he may never know. The minute it becomes certain that bad money is circulating he and all the others of his kind in the district are watched. All avenues of escape from the district are guarded and each suspect is shadowed until the game narrows down to the real culprit or culprits. The next thing is to secure the evidence to convict. That accomplished, the arrest is made.

Speaking of secret service guards for the president, ex-President Taft said in a lecture at Columbia university that the assassination of President McKinley would probably have been prevented if the present system had been in force.

"The secret service men are levelheaded, experienced and of good manners, and they are wise in their methods," said Mr. Taft. "If a person is determined to kill a president and is willing to give up his life for it, no such protection will save him, but desperate persons of this kind are very rare. The worst danger is from those who have lost part or all of their reason."

"Under the practice now pursued in a public reception, a man with his hand in his pocket would not be permitted to approach within striking or shooting distance of the president. His holding a revolver under his handkerchief in his pocket would be detected long before he could get within reach of the object of his perverted purpose. He would find the hand of the secret service man thrust into the pocket to find what his own was doing there."

## Government "Bug Hatchery" Solves Many Problems

A UNIQUE establishment that might be called a government "bug hatchery," but which is officially known as the eastern field station of the branch of forest insects of the bureau of entomology, is maintained by the agricultural department of the federal government in the edge of the Virginia village of Falls Church, a few miles from the national capital. It has been the means, since its establishment in 1912, of the solution of many problems that have been vexing telephone and telegraph companies, mine owners and other large users of timber attacked by insects, as well as foresters, manufacturers of forest products, municipal park authorities and individual owners of wood lots. In addition to administrative buildings and laboratories, the field station has four outdoor insectaries equipped with apparatus that is roughly the counterpart for insect rearing of the better-known incubators and brooders of the poultry plant. In these have been reared and studied during the life of the station approximately 19,000 specimens of moths, butterflies, sawflies, ants, parasitic wasps, bees, various two-winged flies and beetles, which, by boring or in other ways, are injurious to trees and timber, or which in some cases, strangely enough, are beneficial.

In order to have at hand forest material for carrying on the experiments a plantation of 2,800 young forest trees has been established at the station, representing twenty-two species of conifers and eight species of hard woods. Many of the experiments carried on with forest products have related to the effectiveness of various preservatives in preventing attacks on wood by boring insects, and results have been secured that have been immediately deflected in money saving by large users of woods. No less valuable have been the new processes worked out for protecting shade trees and ornamental shrubs from their voracious insect enemies.



## Capital Correspondents Form Cavalry Platoon

TO First Lieutenant Homer M. Groninger, Fifth United States cavalry, Fort Myer, Virginia, has been assigned the task of proving to 28 Washington correspondents that the sword is mightier than the pen—when the other refuses to abide by the decision of the pen.

Lieutenant Groninger, blond, blue-eyed and very "military," is the "C. O." of a platoon of volunteer cavalry authorized unofficially by the war department and composed almost entirely of newspaper correspondents of the national capital. They are smooth-shaven, and bearded, hollow-cheeked and away-backed, bow-legged and knee-sprung, and when lined up in an attempt at a military formation they are a sure-fire laugh producer, but they are in dead earnest and taking the "gaff" as does the meanest "rookie."

When their thirty weeks' course of training shall have been completed they expect to be able to handle themselves almost as well as the average highly trained private in the regular army.

Representing newspapers in all parts of the country, the "scribes" applied to Secretary Garrison for a course of training as a cavalry unit. Mr. Garrison liked the proposal. So did General Scott, chief of staff, and Col. Wilbur E. Wilder, commanding Fifth United States cavalry. Having pledged themselves to a course of thirty weeks, involving every Sunday morning and one hour one night a week, the men were turned over to Lieutenant Groninger to be transformed into the semblance of a military organization.

Groninger is a former instructor at the United States School of Musketry, and believes the prime essential of a soldier in time of war is ability to shoot; and the better trained the subject is in all soldierly qualities, the better able he will be to shoot accurately under trying conditions.

At first the training has been confined to manual of arms, marching and other fundamentals along with sighting and aiming drills, etc. Later the men were put through the regular course of gallery and range practice, and then went up for their rifle record, all to be concluded before the work on horses commences.

## Mr. Wilson Ranks High as a Pardoning President

PRESIDENT WILSON was shown in a new light when it developed that official records of the department of justice gave him rank with Lincoln and McKinley as a "pardoning president." When the complete record of pardons and commutations during his first term in the White House is compiled officials of the department believe Wilson will stand at the head of the list in the matter of utilizing the executive power to grant clemency to federal prisoners.

"Taft was a merciful president, but he had a judicial mind and was inclined to sit in judgment on pardon applications as if he were on the bench," an official of the department of justice said in discussing pardon records. "Wilson is not influenced as much by the law as by the heart, and in this way he is much like Lincoln and McKinley."

Roosevelt pardoned fewer criminals and reversed more recommendations of the department of justice than any president in recent years. He believed crime should be punished, and where judges and juries had acted, he was loath to interfere.

The official record of the pardons during the Wilson administration will not be available until Attorney General Gregory makes his annual report to congress. This report, however, will only cover the period up to June 30, last, and will not include the greatly increased number of pardons and commutations which the president allowed since then.

If President Wilson continues his present pace in extending executive clemency, officials declare, he is certain to go to the head of the list, but at any rate it is believed certain that no presidents except Lincoln and McKinley will rank with him in the number of cases of executive clemency shown.



## Picturesque and Demure Party Gown

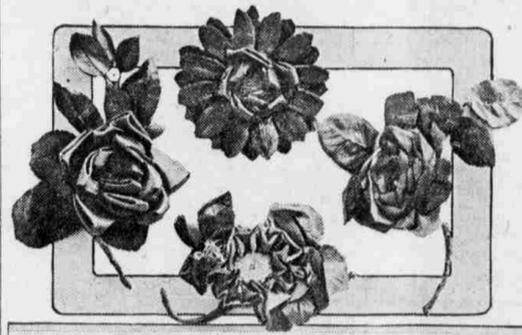


The sweet charm of youth is most fittingly expressed in this pretty dance frock of dotted swiss. It makes no pretense to cleverness or originality, and needs no excuse for lacking them. It is graceful and beautiful and might be copied with good effect in tulle, silk, muslin, point d'esprit, net, or chiffon. It is an American inspiration, embodying points that we like to emphasize in the party frocks for young girls.

The skirt is rather full, and slashed about the bottom. The slashes are bound with ribbon, which may be in a light color. A ruching hemmed at the edges and gathered on two shirring threads is fastened on the skirt, midway of its length.

A soft underbodice, with elbow sleeves, is made of chiffon and finished with a wide V-shaped opening at the front and back of the neck. A soft lace edging is sewed to the edge of this opening, and the sleeves are finished with a ruching made like that on the skirt.

## Corsage Flowers Things of Rare Beauty



Designed to adorn the corsage of the afternoon or evening gown, to nestle in the close-fitting fur neckpiece or to add a final touch of elegance and color to the muff, the corsage bouquet is blooming in the sunlight of increasing favor. In truth, it is cleverer than ever, but rarely deserves the name of a bouquet. Single flowers, or a flower and bud, made of ribbon or velvet set in millinery foliage, or large millinery flowers with ribbon in the same color as their foliage tied about the stems, make up the big majority of these exquisite accessories.

The dark colors that are favored this season, and the furor for furs, make it possible for the corsage flower to appear at its best. In street and visiting toilettes they form exactly the right background for it. And the corsage bouquet is as much at home with evening dress as natural flowers are.

The new "vanity corsage" or "vanity flower," is shown in the group of blossoms pictured here. It includes two roses, made of ribbon set in millinery foliage, and a conventional dahlia, with maidenhair fern and rose foliage. The fourth flower is not meant for the corsage, but is set on the dressing table. It is a beautiful receptacle for one of the small feminine vanities, for each of these flowers is more than it seems, and has another good reason, besides that of being beautiful, for appearing among the belongings of fair women. In the heart of each is a small box of French powder in the form of a tiny cake. The little flat powder puff fits in the box and is hidden by the petals or stems of the flower.

These vanity flowers are captivating and very convenient. They make fine holiday gifts.

*Julia Bottomley*

**New Flowered Ribbons.**  
The new ribbons are lovely, some flowered, some striped, some plain with plect edge. Others again show an edge of gold or silver, following the trend of fashion for all things metallic. Double-face ribbons are smart, showing two colors, and one side of satin, the other of moire or faille. Evening gowns are trimmed with ribbon, tailored and perky bows are made of them, negligees are bound with ribbon. Plaid ribbon in inch width trims the new fall blouses of georgette crepe or net, and forms a bow and band to hold the high collar in position. A similar band and bow holds the sleeves in at the wrist.

**To Keep Shirtwaists Fresh.**  
This is the way I keep my shirtwaists fresh and minus wrinkles. Take a yard of ribbon or tape, and sew both ends together, then hang it on a hook in the clothes closet. Pick up your shirtwaists by the two shoulder seams at the top of the sleeves, bringing them together so that the fronts of the shirtwaists are on the outside; and pin to the ribbon. The little pinholes will either be in the seams or in the fullness of the sleeves, and won't show. One tape will accommodate

## ONE ON THE OLD SQUIRE

Child's Misconstruction That Must Have Been in a Slight Degree Disconcerting.

The kindly old squire was giving a little treat to the village school children. After supper he stepped on to the platform and announced, with a beaming smile:

"Now, I am going to perform certain actions, and you must guess what proverb they represent. The boy or girl who succeeds first will receive a quarter."

That did it. Instantly every eye was fixed on him.

First of all the old gentleman lay down on the platform. Then one man came forward and tried in vain to lift him. Two others came to his aid, and between them they raised the squire, who was rather portly.

The actions were meant to represent the motto, "Union is strength."

When they had finished, the squire stepped forward and asked if any child had solved the puzzle.

At once a grubby hand shot up and an eager voice squeaked:

"Let sleeping dogs lie."

**How He Saw the Louvre.**  
A French literary man fell in with one of the new order of American commercial men the other night and asked him if he had seen the sights of Paris.

"Yes," he said, "but I find that the police have closed most of the sights."

"Oh, no," said his literary friend, "the real sights of Paris, the monuments, are always open—the Pantheon, Notre Dame, the Invalides, the Madeleine and the Louvre."

"Ah, yes. I have seen the Louvre thoroughly."

"Thoroughly?" said the French homme des lettres in surprise, recalling the labyrinthian vastness of the Louvre collection, "and how long did it take you?"

"Fully an hour," was the reply, which has left the Frenchman puzzled ever since.

**Confused Deities.**  
An Englishman was visiting in an American family in which there was a young boy of eight years. The noble man was addressed by all members of the family as "My Lord." As soon as the family were seated at the table the lord was served first of all. Each dish was offered him with the remark: "My Lord, will you have this?" or "My Lord, do you care for this?" It happened that the pickle was overlooked, and the nobleman reached to get some. The small boy, seeing this, punched his mother and said in a loud whisper:

"Mother, mother, God wants a pickle."

**Could Not Understand Capacity.**  
During the public inspection of a Red Cross hospital train on tour through Scotland thousands of people passed through the barrier at one particular station and came out at a different exit.

Open-eyed, a countryman stood at the entrance watching the crowds. At length he burst out to a bystander:

"Great Scot! that man be an awfu' big train that's gane ta France. I've been standin' here for twa solid hours seein' the folk gang in till it, an' she's not filled yet."

**Oh, Well.**  
"I see where a man was arrested last night for taking notes at a lecture."

"You don't mean it!"

"Yes; they were bank notes, and he took them out of another man's pocket."

**No Limit.**  
"What do you do with your car when your wife is away?"

"Everything."—Life.

People who give themselves away are not necessarily charitable.

There's no peace for the would-be peacemaker who butts in.

Many a man's future has been spoiled by his wife's social success.

The bride-elect doesn't mind being caught in a lion or china shower.

## DEMAND FOR PURE ENGLISH

New York Publication Criticizes the Style in Which Street Car Notices Are Worded.

"Public notices ought to be examples of the best writing. They should be written by masters of style. Take, for example, the notice in the street cars:

"Passengers requiring transfers must request same from conductors at the time of depositing fares in box."

Of course that is understandable. It is about as good English as one would expect in a judge's opinion. But it is not good enough for a notice that hundreds of thousands of people are to read every day. Here is New York spending forty millions a year for literary and other instruction for children who, when they ride in the street cars, are exposed to managers' English and taught, as to transfers to "request same from conductors."

Shocking! Of course the notice ought to read:

"Passengers who want transfers must ask for them when they put their fares in the box."—Life.

To keep clean and healthy take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They regulate liver, bowels and stomach.—Adv.

The value of a man's advice depends upon the success he achieves by following it.

Nothing is so fatal to the romance of a stolen kiss as to have the girl sneeze at the wrong time.

A man's idea of a phenomenon is another man who never loses a collar button.

**Tinted.**  
"Why do they call her a coloratura soprano?"

"Great Scot! Can't you see the way she's made up? The paint is an inch thick!"

**How Could He?**  
Doctor—Stick out your tongue farther.

Boy—Can't. It's fastened 't my back.—Judge.

**Appropriate Prescription.**  
The following is from New Zealand, where, apparently, "accidents happen in the best regulated" military camps. An officer attached to one of the reinforcement drafts was making his rounds, and asked if there were any complaints. An Aucklander stepped forward and declared that he had been supplied with a gingerale bottle that contained not gingerale but benzine, and that he had drunk half the benzine unwittingly.

"All right," replied the officer, "you had better not smoke for a few days."

**Insulted the "Copper."**  
Through the busy streets a stalwart policeman led a little child by the hand.

A motherly looking woman paused before them for a moment. Then, in a sudden burst of sympathy, she bent over the child and kissed her.

"Poor lamb!" she breathed sadly. "She looks so cold and starved, and she hasn't been washed for a week. Some folks cannot be trusted with children, wicked, cruel things they are. Where did you find the child, policeman?"

"Find the child, woman?" snarled the policeman angrily. "I didn't find her at all. She's my own kid!"

**Only Once.**  
"Do you see the man?"

"Yes, I see the man."

"What is he doing?"

"He is blowing his fingers, jumping up and down and acting in such a way that his wife looked at him in astonishment and fear. There, he has kicked over two chairs, torn down the lace curtains and made a rush for the kitchen."

"But has the man gone crazy all of a sudden?"

"Oh, no; he was hunting for a collar button and picked up his wife's red-hot curling tongs in an absent way. Lots of husbands do that—once. He won't speak to her for the next three days, but he will not die of his injuries, and the experience may do him good."

## HAVE YOU A CHILD?

Many women long for children, but because of some curable physical derangement are deprived of this greatest of all happiness.

The women whose names follow were restored to normal health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Write and ask them about it.

"I took your Compound and have a fine, strong baby."—Mrs. JOHN MITCHELL, Massena, N. Y.

"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a wonderful medicine for expectant mothers."—Mrs. A. M. MYERS, Gordonville, Mo.

"I highly recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound before child-birth, it has done so much for me."—Mrs. E. M. DOERR, R. R. 1, Conshohocken, Pa.

"I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to build up my system and have the dearest baby girl in the world."—Mrs. MOSS BLAKELEY, Coalport, Pa.

"I praise the Compound whenever I have a chance. It did so much for me before my little girl was born."—Mrs. E. W. SANDERS, Rowlesburg, W. Va.

"I took your Compound before baby was born and feel I owe my life to it."—Mrs. WINNIE TILLIS, Winter Haven, Florida.

## Don't Persecute Your Bowels

Cut out cathartics and purgatives. They are brutal, harsh, unnecessary. Try **CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS**. Purely vegetable. Act gently on the liver, eliminate bile, and soothe the delicate membrane of the bowel. Cure Constipation, Bilelessness, Sick Headache and indigestion, as millions know. **SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE.** Genuine must bear Signature *W. Wood*

A man wants everything he can get and a woman wants everything she can't get.

It's all right for a man to wake up in the morning fresh as a daisy, but it isn't right to let his freshness get too fresh.

**Not Particular.**  
"Jones says he's for peace at any price."

"Oh, Jones would be for anything at any price."

**Sad Pleasure.**  
A minister who had resigned from his church was making his farewell calls. He called at the home of one of his parishioners who sent her little girl down to the parlor to entertain the minister for a few minutes, the mother not being dressed to receive him. After a few of the customary remarks about the weather the little girl said to the minister:

"I hear that we are to have the sad pleasure of losing you."

**Their Achievements.**  
A promoter and a politician were boasting.

"I sell something I haven't got to people who don't want it," said the former.

"Huh! I have your best effort whipped to a quivering custard," replied the latter. "I sell them, for all the revenue they can rake and scrape, something that is worth nothing, and then get paid for making them like it."

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